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USSK RAILROADS RECEIVE NEW EQUIPMENT; INNOVATIONS INTRODUCED

KIEV "TRANSSIGNAL" PLANT PRODUCES SWITCH POST PARTS -- MOSCOW, Izvestiya,

The Kiev "Transsignal" Plant produced on 10 January 1952 the first batch of complex parts for automatic railroad switch posts.

RIGA MACHINERY PLANT MAKES NEW TURRET CRANE -- Moscow, Pravda, 11 Jan 52

Toward the end of 1951, the Riga Machinery Plant of the Ministry of Transportation USSR produced the first one-ton completely revolving turret crane. The crane, which moves 29.5 meters per minute, is being assigned for railroad constructions. In 1952, the plant started series production of the crenss.

LONG-DISTANCE ELECTRIC TRAIN CARS PLANNED -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva,

The Riga Car-Building Plant is making plans to manufacture new comfortable passenger cars for long-distance electric trains.

TBILISI PIANT FULFILLS REPAIR PLAN -- Tbilisi, Zarya Vostoka, 28 Dec 51

The Toilisi Locomotive and Freight Car Repair Plant has successfully completed its 1951 locomotive-repair plan. The plant is an old enterprise, and in 1951 many of its shops underwent changes. Both the plant's technical equipment and performance were improved.

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REPLACE OXYACETYLENE GAS WITH CUTTING DISCS -- Moscow, Gudok, 16 Dec 51

Cutting discs have replaced oxyacetylene gas as a means of cutting light sheet metal at the Riga Car-Building Plant. As a result, the metal can be cut 12 times faster, making it possible to save 79,000 rubles annually.

USE HYDRAULIC PRESS ON BOITS -- Moscow, Trud, 9 Jan 52

The Vyazemskaya Locomotive Depot of the Western Railroad System is using hydraulic presses to press bolts for strengthening the link brackets on the series L locomotive.

TEST GAS-GENERATOR LOCOMOTIVES -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 10 Jan 52

A crew of scientific workers of the All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Railroad Transport is conducting tests at the Verkhniy-Raskunchak depot on gas-generator internal-combustion locomotives. The locomotive uses anthracite coal, and is 2.5 times more economical in its use of the solid fuel than stem locomotives. When using liquid fuel, the locomotive will consume 65-80 percent less liquid fuel than the ordinary steam locomotive.

The first lot of gas-generator lecomotives will be put in operation on the Ryazan'-Ural System.

KHAR'KOV LOCOMOTIVE BUILDERS MECHANIZE WORK METHODS -- Moscow, Pravda, 13 Feb 52

Steam locomotive builders at the Khar'kov Transport Machine-Building Plant are introducing new techniques and are mechanizing their work methods. Working by accelerated methods, Stakhanovites at the assembly shop reduced the period necessary for the assembly of locomotives 22 percent. New drilling machines are used and, where it previously took three men six hours to bore 44 holes, one man can now do this work using the new equipment in 2 hours.

The assembly of the various units is well coordinated. The diesel motor is installed and connected, the pipeline is repaired, and all other work is done at the sam time by different groups of men. As a result of increased efficiency, it was possible to transfer 45 men to other departments.

NEW METHOD FOR PRODUCING LOCOMOTIVE, FREIGHT-CAR PARTS -- MOSCOW, Pravda, 13 Feb 52

A new method for producing locomotive and freight-car parts has been developed and introduced to replace the previous laborious method. It is contemplated that on seven parts which are being manufactured by the new method, the Ulan-Ude Locomotive and Car-Building Plant's blacksmith shop will save 135 tons of high-quality steel annually.

The maximum reduction of surplus labor during forging and pressing will sharply increase work performance in the shops and will reduce significantly the costs of the manufactured parts.

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